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LENT Preachers appointed to Preach before His Majesty for the Year 1748-9.

Feb.	8.	Ash-Wednesday, Dean of the Chapel, Lord Bishop of London.
	10.	Friday, Dean of Exeter, Dr. Lyttelton.
	12.	Sunday, Ld. Bp. of Oxford.
	15.	Wednesday, Dr. Johnson.
	17.	Friday, Dean of Lincoln, Dr. George.
	19.	Sunday, Lord Bishop of St. David's.
	22.	Wednesday, Dr. Hume.
	24.	Friday, Dean of Peterborough, Dr. Lamb.
	26.	Sunday, Ld. Bp. of Carlisle.
Mar.	1.	Wednesday, Mr. Wilson.
	3.	Friday, Dean of Litchfield, Mr. Addenbrooke.
	5.	Sunday, Lord Bishop of St. Asaph.
	8.	Wednesday, Dr. Potter.
	10.	Friday, Dean of Wells, Dr. Creswick.
	12.	Sunday. Ld. Bp. of Gloceſter.
	15.	Wednesday, Dr. Nicolls.
	17.	Friday, Dean of York, Mr. Fountaine.
	19.	Palm-Sunday, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, or, Lord Archbishop of York.
	22.	Wednesday, Dr. Stedman.
	24.	Good-Friday, Dean of Westminster, Lord Bp. of Rochester.
	26.	Easter-Sunday, Lord Almoner.

GRAFTON.

LENT Preachers appointed to Preach at His Majesty's Chapel at Whitehall, on Wednesdays and Fridays, for the Year 1748-9.

Feb.	8.	Ash-Wednesday, Dean of Windsor, Dr. Booth.
	10.	Friday, Dr. Stebbing.
	15.	Wednesday, Dr. Terrick.
	17.	Friday, Dr. Gally.
	22.	Wednesday, Dr. Barton.
	24.	Friday, Mr. Lyne.
Mar.	1.	Wednesday, Dr. Richard Bullock.
	3.	Friday, Mr. Kilner.
	8.	Wednesday, Dr. Hayter.
	10.	Friday, Dr. Cornwallis.
	15.	Wednesday, Mr. Tottie.
	17.	Friday, Dr. Richardson.
	22.	Wednesday, Mr. Wright.
	24.	Good-Friday, Dean of Worcester, Dr. Marten.

GRAFTON.

Hague, Dec. 31, *N. S.* The States of Holland have lately issued two Placarts, by the first of which they declare, That as several Persons have conceived a Notion, that the Duties upon Beer were of the Number of those which were suppressed in June last, the States think proper to give Notice, that their Intention never was to abolish those Duties; and that therefore, they renew and confirm the Edicts, Resolutions and Placarts in Consequence of which those Duties had been imposed; and prohibit all Persons whatsoever, erecting any new Brew-houses in the Towns or in the Country. All Persons who are not publick Brewers are likewise forbid by this Placart, brewing, or causing Beer to be brew'd for them by others, on Pain of a large Fine, and publick Whipping. The other Placart, containing 26 Articles, is calculated for the Encouragement of Brewery in the Province of Holland, by restraining the Importation of Beer brew'd out of the Province, and subjecting it again to several Duties which have ceas'd being paid since the Abolition of the Pachters, but which are hereafter to be levied by Collectors in the Name of the States of the Province.

Hague, Jan. 3, *N. S.* The Prince Stadtholder arrived here late on Tuesday Night, after having been obliged, on account of the tempestuous Weather, to travel all the Way by Land from Friesland hither. The Greffier Fagel, who had accompanied his Highness, did not arrive till the next Evening. We are informed, that the Prince Stadtholder has made such Regulations in Friesland, as leave no Room to doubt, but Peace and Tranquillity will be quite restored in that Province. Major General Mordaunt arrived last Night at this Place.

Whitehall, December 27.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint Sir John Evelyn, Bart. Bryan Fairfax, Wardel George Westby, Richard Chandler, Beaumont Hotham, Samuel Mead, Gwyn Vaughan, William Levinz, and Edward Hooper, Esqrs.

(Price Two-pence.)

Eſqrs. to be Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms within that Part of Great Britain called England.

The King has been pleaſed to conſtitute and appoint George Dunk Earl of Halifax, Robert Herbert, John Pitt, Baptiſt Leveſon Gower, James Grenville, Eſqrs. Thomas Hay, Eſq; commonly called Lord Viſcount Dupplin, and Francis Fane, Eſq; together with Sir Thomas Robinſon, Knight of the Bath, in the Room of Richard Plummer, Eſq; to be Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations.

Whitehall, December 23, 1748.

Whereas it has been repreſented to the King, That an Anonymous Letter, dated the 19th Inſtant, was, by the Penny-Poſt, ſent to, and received by, Merchant Franco, over-againſt the Eaſt India Warehouſe, Fenchurch ſtreet, requiring him to put the Sum of Ten Guineas behind the Five Mile Stone in the Eſſex Road on Sunday Morning; and threatning him, that if the ſame was not complied with, his Houſe ſhould be deſtroyed, or himſelf murdered: His Majeſty, for the better diſcovering and bringing to Juſtice the Author or Authors of the ſaid Letter, is pleaſed to promiſe His moſt gracious Pardon to any one of them, who ſhall diſcover his Accomplice or Accomplices, ſo as he or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

And as a farther Encouragement, the ſaid Mr. Franco does hereby promiſe a Reward of Fifty Pounds to any Perſon or Perſons making ſuch Diſcovery as aforeſaid, to be paid on the Conviction.

Tho. Adams,
for Abraham *and* Jacob Franco.

Whitehall, December 24, 1748.

Whereas it has been repreſented to the King, That Richard Hawkins, late of Yapton in the County of Suſſex, Labourer, being, ſome Time in the Month of January laſt, at Work in a Barn near the ſaid Pariſh, was forcibly taken from thence by Jeremiah Curtis, alias Butler, late of Hawkhurſt in the County of Kent, and John Mills, alias Smoaker, of Trotton in the County of Suſſex, Labourer, and was by them carried into a Back Room in the Dog and Partridge Alehouſe on Slinden Common; where Edward Savage, alias Savidge, alias Fat-back, late of Bexhill, but now of Billingshurſt, Alehouſe keeper; and Thomas Winter, alias Coachman, alias Kentiſh Coachman, of Poſling, near Hythe, in the County of Kent, Farmer, were waiting for them: In which Room they detained the ſaid Richard Hawkins till about Twelve o'Clock at Night; when the ſaid Jeremiah Curtis, John Mills, Edward Savage, and Thomas Winter went away, and took with them the ſaid Richard Hawkins; who was not afterwards ſeen or heard of till his Body was found in a Pond in Parham Park, in the ſaid County of Suſſex: That the Coroner's Inqueſt having ſat upon the ſaid Body, found it to be the Body of the ſaid Richard Hawkins, and brought in their Verdict, Wilful Murder by Perſons unknown.

And whereas it hath been further repreſented to the King, That ſeveral Murders, Burglaries and Robberies have been lately committed in the County of Suſſex; and that there is the ſtrongeſt Reaſon to believe, that the ſaid Jeremiah Curtis, John Mills, Edward Savage, and Thomas Winter, were the Authors of the ſaid Murder: His Majeſty, for the better apprehending and bringing to Juſtice the aboveſaid Perſons, as well as for diſcouraging ſuch horrid and barbarous Outrages, is pleaſed to promiſe his moſt gracious Pardon to any Perſon who ſhall apprehend, or, by giving Information, ſhall cauſe to be apprehended, ſo as he or they be convicted thereof, any one or more of the ſaid Offenders; notwithſtanding the Perſon making ſuch Diſcovery ſhall now ſtand outlawed for not having ſurrendred himſelf to Juſtice, purſuant to Notice given in the London Gazette; provided that ſuch Perſon ſhall not appear to have been concerned in the aboveſaid Murder, or any other Murder; or to have been concern'd in the breaking open his Majeſty's Warehouſe at Pool.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

Cuſtom-Houſe, London, Dec. 24, 1748.

And as a further Encouragement for bringing the Offenders to Juſtice, the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms do hereby promiſe a Reward of Fifty Pounds for the diſcovering and apprehending each of the Perſons concerned in the ſaid Murder; to be paid by the Receiver General of the Cuſtoms upon the Conviction of each Offender reſpectively,

By Order of the Commiſſioners.
William Wood, *Secr.*

Whitehall, December 20, 1748.

Whereas it has been repreſented to his Majeſty, That the Dwelling Houſe of Mrs. Philippa Leman, of Wenhaſton, in the County of Suffolk, was broke into, on the 5th Inſtant, between the Hours of Ten and Eleven of the Clock in the Night, by Five Men armed and diſguiſed, and a large Quantity of chaſed Plate was taken thereout; (Part of which was engraved with the following Coat of Arms in Lozenge, viz. a Fez between Three Dolphins, Or:) *As alſo a conſiderable Sum of Money, together with a Gold Watch in a chaced Caſe, and a large Quantity of Houſhold Linen; His Majeſty, for the better diſcovering and bringing to Juſtice the Perſons concerned in the ſaid Burglary and Robbery, is pleaſed to promiſe his moſt gracious Pardon to any one of them, who ſhall diſcover his Accomplice or Accomplices therein, ſo that he or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.*

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

And as a farther Encouragement, the ſaid Mrs. Philippa Leman does hereby promiſe a Reward of Fifty Pounds, to any one of the ſaid Accomplices, who ſhall diſcover one or more of the ſaid Offenders; to be paid upon their Conviction.

Philippa Leman.

Whitehall, Sept. 15, 1748.

Whereas it has been repreſented to their Excellencies the Lords Juſtices, that, on the 6th of this Inſtant September, one Hugh Coffy was committed to Newgate, on ſtrong Suſpicion of Filing and Diminiſhing Portugal Gold Pieces: And as there is the ſtrongeſt Reaſon to believe, that the ſaid Coffy, and ſeveral others (who ſince the ſaid Coffy's Commitment have abſconded) have been concerned in Filing the Current Coin of this Kingdom called Guineas, and in diſperſing the ſame: Their Excellencies are pleaſed to promiſe His Majeſty's moſt gracious Pardon to any of the Perſons concerned with the ſaid Coffy as aforeſaid, upon his or her diſcovering one or more of his or her Accomplices; as likewiſe a Reward of One Hundred Pounds, over and above the Reward allowed by Act of Parliament, to any Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall apprehend and take any Perſon or Perſons concerned in Filing and Diminiſhing the ſaid Current Coin of this Kingdom, ſo as he, ſhe or they may be convicted of the ſame.

J. Potter.

Mint Office in the Tower of London, Sept. 30, 1748.

Whereas divers evil-diſpoſed Perſons have, for ſome Time paſt, made a Practice of filing Guineas, and diſperſing the ſame; and for the apprehending of the Offenders therein, their Excellencies the Lords Juſtices have been pleaſed to promiſe a Reward of One Hundred Pounds (over and above the Reward allowed by Act of Parliament) to any Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall apprehend and take any Perſon or Perſons concerned in filing and

and diminiſhing of Guineas, ſo as he, ſhe, or they be thereof convicted: And whereas Samuel Davies, againſt whom an Information has been taken upon Oath, hath, ſince the above Diſcoveries, abſconded from his Habitation, the Sign of the Bull and Butcher in Weſt Smithfield; on ſearching which ſaid Houſe, was found in a Bureau belonging to the ſaid Samuel Davies, Tools and other Inſtruments for filing of Guineas, with a large Quantity of Filings of Gold Coin.

Samuel Davies was born at Wrexham, ſerved his Apprenticeſhip at Liverpool, well known at Thame in Oxfordſhire, and kept a Butcher's Shop for ſome Years in German-ſtreet St. James's. He is a black Man, about five Foot ten Inches high, has a down caſt Look, and had on, at the Time he abſconded, an old white Wig, a Fuſtian Frock with Plate Buttons, a blue and white ſtriped Waiſtcoat, black Breeches, light colour'd Stockings, with large Silver Buckles in his Shoes, and is about fifty Years of Age.

And whereas Informations have been taken againſt the following Perſons for being concerned with others in filing and diminiſhing ſuch Guineas as aforeſaid, as alſo the Portugal Gold Coin, to wit, Bryan Duff, Mary Dean alias Harriſon, and Margaret Rutherford, who have all lately abſconded.

Bryan Duff, born in Ireland, a middle ſized Man, full bodied, has a round plump Face, of a ruddy Complexion, and has a briſk Eye; is about thirty Years of Age, and generally wore a light brown Coat with yellow Metal Buttons, and a Scarlet Waiſtcoat; he lived Servant to a Gentleman in Clarges-ſtreet Piccadilly, and Charles ſtreet St. James's, and lodged laſt at the Red Lion in King-ſtreet Golden Square.

Mary Dean alias Harriſon, born in Cheſhire, is between forty and fifty Years of Age, lived many Years in Dublin, and well known at Liverpool, is a Dealer in Iriſh Stuffs: She is a middle ſized Woman, has a large Scar in the Left Side of her Neck juſt below her Hair, a Swelling in one of her Knees, and walks lame; well known in Green Harbour-Court near the Golden Hind, Moorfields, and lodged laſt in Sedwick's Rents near Moor-Gate.

Margaret Rutherford alias Mary Foſter, (born in Ireland) Wife of Robert Rutherford, of Sir John Ligonier's Regiment, is a tall jolly Woman, between thirty and forty Years old, is pitted with the Small Pox, has grey Eyes, and a remarkable Dent at the End of one of her Thumbs; is by Trade a Mantua-maker and Dealer in Iriſh Stuffs, well known about Temple-Bar, and the Villages round London, and lodged laſt in Bow-Lane, Cheapſide.

Whoever apprehends the ſaid Samuel Davies, or either of the other abovementioned Perſons, or any other Perſon concerned in theſe Practices, may apply themſelves to Mr. Fountaine Cook, Sollicitor to his Majeſty's Mint, at his Chambers in Clement's Inn, London.

London, Dec. 2, 1748.

General Poſt-Office.

Whereas the Poſt-Boy, bringing the Weſt Mail from Andover to Baſingſtoke, was laſt Night, between the Hours of Seven and Eight, attacked on the Highway, about a Quarter of a Mile on this Side of a Place called Clarken Green, which is near Four Miles diſtant from Baſingſtoke in the County of Southampton, by a ſingle Highwayman, who carried off the Letters contained in the following Bags, viz. The two Exeter *Bags,* Shaftsbury, Aſhburton, Truro, Barnſtaple, Launceſton, Weymouth, Camelford, Bodmin, Totneſs, Ilcheſter, Dorcheſter, Somerton, Yeovil, *and* Blandford.

This is to give Notice, That whoever ſhall apprehend and convict, or cauſe to be apprehended and convicted, the Perſon who committed this Robbery, of whom no particular Deſcription is as yet come to Hand, will be intitled to a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, *over and above the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen: Or if any Perſon or Perſons, whether Accomplice in the ſaid Robbery, or knowing thereof, ſhall make Diſcovery, whereby the Perſon who committed the ſame, may be apprehended and brought to Juſtice, ſuch Diſcoverer or Diſcoverers ſhall, upon Conviction of the Party, be intitled to the ſame Reward of* Two Hundred Pounds, *and alſo have his Majeſty's moſt gracious Pardon.*

By Command of the Poſt-Maſter-General,
George Shelvocke, *Secretary.*

General Poſt-Office, December 17, 1748.

His Majeſty's Poſt-Maſter General, for the farther Improvement of Correſpondence, having been pleaſed to order, that Letters ſhall, for the future, be conveyed by the Poſt ſix Days in every Week, inſtead of Three-Days, as at preſent, between London *and* Chippingnorton, Eveſham, Worceſter, Bromſgrove *and* Birmingham, *with the intermediate Places, and that thoſe Letters, on the three additional Poſt Days, ſhall be conveyed through* OXFORD: *And likewiſe, that Letters ſhall, for the future, be conveyed by the Poſt ſix Days in every Week, inſtead of three Days, as at preſent, between* London *and* Wells, Bridgwater, Taunton, Wellington, Tiverton *and* Exeter, *and that thoſe Letters, on the three additional Poſt Days, ſhall be conveyed through* BRISTOL.

And the Poſt-Maſter General having alſo been pleaſed to order a new Branch to be erected between Salisbury *and* Axminſter, *through the Towns of* Blandford, Dorcheſter, Bridport *and* Lyme, *by which Means the Correſpondence between* London *and thoſe Places, together with the Towns of* Weymouth, Wareham, *and* Corfe-Caſtle, *and alſo their Correſpondence with the Trading-Towns in* Devonſhire *and* Cornwall, *as well as with* Bath, *and* Briſtol, *will be conſiderably quickened and improved.*

Publick Notice is hereby given, that theſe ſeveral additional Conveyances will commence upon Monday the 26th of this Inſtant December, at which Time the preſent Stage between Crewkerne *and* Bridport, *together with that between* Shaftsbury *and* Blandford, *will be diſcontinued.*

And whereas great Numbers of Letters have hitherto been privately collected and delivered at the ſeveral Towns and Stages abovementioned, contrary to Law, and to the great Prejudice of the Revenue of the Poſt-Office; All Carriers, Coachmen, Watermen, Wherrymen, Diſperſers of Country News Papers, and all other Perſons whatſoever, hereafter detected in the illegal collecting or delivering of Letters, will be proſecuted with the utmoſt Severity.

N. B. The Penalty is Five Pounds for every Letter collected or delivered contrary to Law, and One Hundred Pounds for every Week ſuch Practice is continued.

By Command of the Poſtmaſter-General,
Geo. Shelvocke, *Secretary.*

Stamp Office, December 24, 1748.

The Commiſſioners having received Information that a great Number of Pamphlets have been for ſome Time paſt and ſtill continue to be Printed and Publiſhed, without being brought to this Office to be mark'd and entred, and the Duties paid for the ſame, according to the Directions of the Act of the 10th of Queen Anne; and that a great Number of Pamphlets, commonly called Kites, are printed Weekly or oftner, under a Pretence of compleating ſome Work; and that the Printers and Publiſhers of them pretend that the ſame is not ſubject to the Duty of a Pamphlet, and therefore have not brought the ſame to this Office to be marked and entred, or paid the Duty thereof; The Commiſſioners have

therefore